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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

"Jesus...withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed..."

Luke 22:41

1) On our Ash Wednesday worship...

Wow, what a wonderful night! From the super soup supper served by our Stewardship Ministry, to the Holden Prayer Services at 4:30 and 7:00, and to the Lenten dramas which we always enjoy....we were blessed! We hoped to get at least 60 worshipers at our new 4:30 service—what a pleasant surprise to have 130 in attendance last night.... and then another 280 at 7:00. Wow! (I'd say "alleluia, but Lutherans are supposed to "bury the alleluia's" during Lent!)

Once again using our Lenten crosses from last year, our dramas this year will focus on "Cross/Peace." Each week households will receive an artifact to hang on their cross: a stone, coin, purple cloth, nail, dice, sponge, and our Lenten dramas will focus on these weekly themes. Pastor Bruce & Nanette & Diane have done an outstanding job of planning an inspirational Lenten season with an FCLC

written devotional book, weekly preaching topics, and Lenten dramas for our Wed. worship services.

Once again each of our ministries will be taking a turn setting up and cleaning up for the soup suppers. So far, it's worked out great! We hope you'll observe Lent with us this year and join us for a very special season of fellowship and worship as we "draw near to God" during these 40 days of fasting and prayer.

2) On our new endowment...

You've seen in the bulletin and newsletter that we've distributed \$18,000 to various ministry requests. We're really excited about this opportunity to support ministries beyond our general budget. *The endowment's primary emphasis is to support outreach projects and scholarships of a one time nature, while our Outreach budget from our "first-fruits" tends to fund many outreach ministries on an ongoing basis.* Unless there is an emergency, this endowment is not allowed to "rescue"

the general budget or fund new staff positions or building projects.

While we give thanks to God for the generosity of Hans Hansen and his vision for this "gift that keeps on giving," we do hope that as you are blessed with opportunities for "second mile giving" or special gifts, or memorial funds, please prayerfully consider supporting our FCLC Endowment. Again we remember that "we have been blessed to be a blessing!"

3) On new member assimilation...

Is it possible to grow too fast? Yes! And for churches that means losing new members out the "back door" while new people are coming in the "front door." Studies indicate that churches have about six weeks to get new members involved; after that it's much harder because they'll decided they're not needed, or they'll slip into inactivity, or they'll simply slip away altogether. While some people are "self-starters" and they quickly jump into church activities, most folks need encouragement and personal invitations to get involved. Welcome to ministry. While the challenge of this task usually falls primarily on church staffs and councils, truly it's best if we all work together to welcome and encourage the involvement of our new members. Thanks for your help in this vital ministry!

Also, it occurs to me that we can help our new members by wearing our nametags. We really haven't emphasized this much in recent years, but truly it would be helpful. How many

times have you shared the peace with someone and wished you could remember their name? It's happened to all of us! As I always say when we pass the peace; "We encourage you to learn new names!" Wearing nametags would help all of us. If you've lost yours, please contact the office.

In most churches I've visited; people don't offer their names during the passing of the peace. Since we're "not your typical Lutheran church," let's be different in this regard also. Try to ALWAYS say the other person's name; "The peace of the Lord, name." Or, "God's peace, name." Or "Good morning; help me remember your name..." Or, "You look familiar, have we met?" Or, "I think we met a while back, help me remember your name..." As with the old TV show "Cheers," let's be the church where "everyone knows your name!"

4) On our church calendar...

Just a friendly reminder; anytime you have questions about the church's schedule, you can save yourself a phone call by just going to our website: www.fclc.org and then clicking on "Calendar." It's update daily, so it's almost better than keeping your bulletin or newsletter!

**Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan**



SEDER DINNER Thursday, April 5th @ 6pm

Officiated by Pastors Dan Hansen & Bruce Welander

You're invited to experience a very sacred holiday celebration and learn more about the rich traditional heritage of the Hebrews. The Seder Dinner commemorates the Passover Week as the Hebrew Thanksgiving, the giving thanks to God for deliverance and redemption.

This year's menu includes Roasted Leg of Lamb, Seder Potato Casserole, Lemon-Pepper Green Beans, Chroset Salad, Relish Tray, Matza, Bread & Peanut Butter Cookies.

Tickets are on sale between church services and during Soup Suppers. Cost is \$6 for Adults (12 and up) and \$3 for Kids (Under 12). Tickets are limited, so buy yours today!!!

We need volunteers!! Please consider helping with set-up, cooking, serving and/or clean-up. Contact Wayne or Kaydene Hubert @ 303-651-9479 or Sally Meier @ 303-938-8680 to volunteer or with any questions you might have.





by Pastor Bruce Welander



In the January issue of The Lutheran magazine, there was an article on the results of a survey in which readers were asked what cover stories they would like to read in the near future. The article listed the top ten, which is led off by this #1 concern: "What Lutherans share, and don't, with 'mainliners' and fundamentalists." In fourth place was "How Luther and Lutherans read the Bible." Number 5 was "Luther's 95 theses today," and #6 was "What it means to be a Lutheran."

Why am I mentioning those particular items (1,4,5 and 6) out of the top six? It's because every one of these subjects will be tackled at one point or another in the next Sunday School course that I will be teaching, beginning on Sunday, March 18. I have long been convinced that most Lutherans are very much concerned about things like these. Many Lutheran adults have told me that they wish they could take a confirmation class again, on an adult-oriented level. That's why some time ago I developed a course entitled "Here We Stand: What Lutherans Believe and Why."

Unlike most of the other courses I have put together over the years, I have not written a specific set of "handouts" for every Sunday. Instead, my primary texts are some of the key documents of Lutheranism. For instance, I will start with the Augsburg Confession (1530), which contains 21 key doctrines of the new Lutheran faith. Then we'll explore at length Martin Luther's Catechisms – not only the familiar Small Catechism, but also his wonderfully insightful Large Catechism as well. In addition, we'll touch on some of the lesser known but highly insightful and influential early theological statements of Lutheranism.

Another way in which this course is different from many others that I teach is the fact that this one has no particular boundaries of time. In other words, it's not for a set number of weeks. I frankly don't know how long it will last. We'll keep things moving along, but we can take

as much time as we wish on certain topics of special interest.

That's because the purpose of this course is not just to teach a few basic lessons in theology and history. Rather, it is an in-depth opportunity to discover not only what classical Lutheranism has believed and why, but what you believe and why.

So it is important that we take the time – however much time it takes - to explore the depths of our own beliefs and commitments, such as – to go back to the article in The Lutheran—:

- how we are similar to, and different from, other Christians (and, often, from other religions and belief systems, paying particular attention to Islam because of its prominence these days);
- how we can read the Bible most faithfully;
- what Luther's ideas mean for us today; and:
- what it means to be a Lutheran.

In addition to my own excitement about these very crucial topics, I am quite pleased that Ed Broestl will be helping to lead this course at various points. Ed is involved very deeply in Lutheran theology these days, in relation to his work with Gettysburg Seminary as he draws nearer to his goal of becoming a diaconal minister. He will bring fresh insights and enthusiasm to our explorations.

I look forward very much to the stimulation and satisfaction of delving into these very important matters. I hope you can join us.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bruce Welander



From the Admin Assistant's keyboard...

Calendaring questions...

Faith Community Lutheran is a growing church, and as such, we are using our building to the max some nights. If you would like to use a room for a meeting, we ask that you do the following:

- * Nanette Goings does the input for the FCLC calendar.
- * BUT... before you email Nanette about your event, go to the FCLC calendar, which is on the church website: www.fclc.org/calendar
 - ▲ Select the month you want to look at, scroll down to look at the appropriate date to ensure that space is available for the time you would like.
- * To get your info on the FCLC calendar, send an email to nanette@fclc.org with the following info:
 - * Name of event
 - * Date
 - * Beginning and end times
 - * Room requested
 - * Number of persons at event (approximate)
 - * Any specific requests or questions, or equipment requests
- * This is necessary for any event, e.g., Wacky potluck, Youth meetings, Bible studies, use of the fire pit, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts meetings, any music rehearsals, any planned events, any routine meetings – et cetera...
- * If you have more questions, please email me janelle@fclc.org or call the church office: 303.776.8771.

New WEB Address – www.fclc.org

The Faith Community Lutheran Church website has been moved to a NEW WEB ADDRESS: www.fclc.org All of the Staff email addresses are first_name@fclc.org The email lists still have the original "name" of the list, i.e., [prayer-chain](#) followed by [@fclc.org](#).

HUGE "Thank yous" to Harlan Olson, Kirk Olson, and Seth Goings for all of the hours it took to move the website... a lot of "behind the scenes" work that you and I will never see!!

If you have questions about the website or email lists, call me at the church office 303.776.8771, or send an email janelle@fclc.org If I can't help you, I'll pass your questions on to Harlan Olson.

Please refer to the article from Harlan Olson in this issue of **The Communicator**.

More **LOST** and **FOUND**

Items (Bibles, sunglasses, books) are piling up in my office and in the coatroom (an abundance of take away drink cups). Please check one of these two areas if you have lost an item at church. I've even seen some coats "hanging on the floor" in the coatroom!

In Jesus, always,
-Janelle Olson

Servant Opportunities

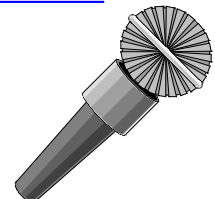
Greeters for 11am worship... Melody Baker is the servant coordinator for Greeters. She needs to fill the 2nd and 3rd Sundays for the 11a worship. Prayerfully consider how you can serve your church and meet a lot of people in the process.
Melody's email: mkbco@msn.com or call 970.535.4108 to volunteer.



Altar Care needs 4-6 persons to assist with communion setup and clean-up. This is a great way to serve – caring for the bread & wine for the Lord's Supper. Please call Chris Goble at [303.434.8962](tel:303.434.8962) to volunteer and/or ask questions.



Sound Crew – Kathy Griffie, Sound Crew Coordinator, is looking for persons – high school youth and/or adults – who want to serve FCLC by running the sound board. Contact Kathy at griffie@email.com



FCLC Christian Education News

The 2007 Lenten Devotionals have been delivered!

This daily devotional can be found on the Narthex kiosk. A BIG thank you to the 29 authors, all members of Faith Community Lutheran. Thank you to Marilyn Jackson, Marilyn Luttrell, Joan Schell, Joan Flowers, Joyce Heimbichner and Judy Conradson for collating 300 devotionals in one hour.

At each Lenten service, you will be able to receive a unique Cross-piece to attach to last year's hand-crafted cross. Thanks to all who made these Cross-pieces happen: Marv Heimbichner and his saw who crafted the crosses and 300 dice; the "Dot Party" attendees (Freemans, Schells and Heimbichners) who made all of the dots on 300 dice; Alicia Stover and her polished rocks; Lanette Smallwood's cutting skills on the purple cloth; Rhea Hoops and her electric knife which cuts sponges like butter; Weavers of the Cloth for stringing the sponges and the Christian Education committee members who stuffed 150 little drawstring bags with pennies in 10 minutes. Wow, what a team effort!

Are you interested in "5-Sunday, 1-hour per week" volunteer commitment working with children?

If so, please consider attending the next Sunday School Workshop Leaders' training session on Saturday, March 10, 10-11 am. Preschool through Fifth grade Sunday School curriculum will be discussed and teams will be formed to teach lessons for March 18-April 29. (No Sunday School Workshops on April 1 or April 8).



Mark your Calendars now!

Confirmation Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 25, 12:15 pm, Sunrise All 8th graders AND their parents should plan on attending this one-time planning meeting for Confirmation Weekend (May 5-6). Now's the time to give input and get your questions answered regarding the format of faith statements, confirmation questioning and worship service details. Confirmation robe measurements will also take place at this time.



Summer of Gifts

Summer Sunday School needs YOU!

Yes, it is only March. . .but plans are already in the works for the 2nd Annual Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School. But we need YOU! Do you have a hobby, special talent or occupation, which you would be willing to teach/share with others (of any age group) for 1 hour, 1 Sunday morning during June, July or August? You pick the topic. You pick the class size and age group. You pick the Sunday. We will help you tie it back to the Bible. Last year we were able to offer 63 classes because of some amazing volunteers! Please contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org by April 8, to volunteer. Classes already in the works: Homemade tamale making, French lessons for children, organic foods, wholistic health and medicine.

Healthy Home Cooking (FCLC Cookbook)

We need your great-tasting, family-tested, healthy recipes for Faith Community Lutheran's Healthy Home Cooking cookbook to be published soon. We're looking for tried and true, tasty recipes which may be low fat or fat free, vegetarian, low sugar or sugar free, high fiber, low salt.

All recipes should:

- ♥ be submitted by March 18, 2007 (Must be submitted via email, no hard-copies, please.)
- ♥ be single spaced (Arial font, size 12)
- ♥ Requested Format for recipe submissions:
 - ♥ Recipe Title
 - ♥ List of ingredients
 - ♥ Preparation instructions
 - ♥ Number of servings
 - ♥ Your name

Email healthy home cooking recipes by **March 18**, to: nanette@fclc.org

Buy your GROCERY CERTIFICATES in March

and support Christian Education!

For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK! No kids to share your bucks? We're sure you can find a child who would LOVE some additional Bible Bucks. . .then again, no one ever said shopping at the Bible Bucks store is just for kids! Next BIBLE BUCKS STORE DATES: March 4 and April 8, 10:30-11 am, room 102.



Christian Education Dates to Remember in March

Check the online calendar link at www.fclc.org for up to date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

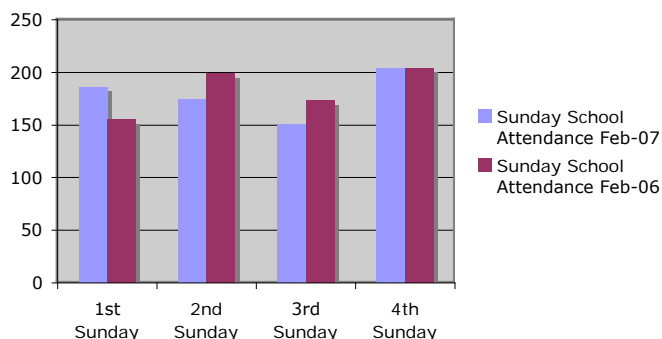
Christian Education Dates to Remember

March 4	9:45-10:45 am
March 4	6:00-7:30 am
March 10	10:00-11:00 am
March 18	6:00-7:30 pm
March 25	12:15-1:00 pm
March 26	7:00-8:30 pm
April 1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 4	NO CONFIRMATION
April 8	9:00-10:00 am

New Member Orientation, Session #2
Joining at 11 am service. Luncheon to follow.
P.O.T.S. Bible Study
Sunday School Workshop Leaders' Training
Great Dates Bible Study
Confirmation Service Planning Meeting
Weavers of the Cloth
(Spring Break)
(Holy Week)
Easter Extravaganza Sunday School
for Preschool-5th graders

Sunday School Attendance

	Feb-07	Feb-06
1st Sunday	186	155
2nd Sunday	174	199
3rd Sunday	151	173
4th Sunday	204	204



Nanette Goings, Director of Christian Education nanette@fclc.org
Rhea Hoops, Christian Education Chairperson hoopsrd@msn.com

Outreach News

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FCLC Outreach Committee would love to have you join our team! We have the exciting job of distributing the "First Fruits" (20% of the church's offering) and the Special Offerings (Lent, Thanksgiving, & Christmas) to our different Outreach Ministry Partners. In 2006, we distributed over \$137,000.00 and this year's budget has us distributing close to \$150,000.00! Our meetings are at the church from 6:30-8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) or Karen Odegard (lkodegard@msn.com). Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30pm in Room 234. Hope you can join us!

Outreach Focus for March

The month of March is designated to focus on the O.U.R. Center. Since 1986, the Outreach United Resource Center has been helping people in our local community with short-term hardships by providing food, clothing, and personal care items. This organization also provides help with rent, utility bills, child care, and medical expenses on a temporary basis with the goal to help people move from a financial crisis to self-sufficiency. They also have the "Daily Hot Meal Program" which provides lunch 365 days a year to anyone in need. More information can be found at their website at: www.ourcenter.org.

Hot Meal Program - Saturday, March 3:

FCLC will be serving lunch to 100-200 people at the O.U.R. Center on Saturday, March 3 from 10am-2pm. Volunteers (6-8 adults) are needed to setup, cook, serve, and cleanup the meal. If you're interested in helping with this project, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)



Weekly Food Drive during March

During the month of March, FCLC Outreach has signed up with the O.U.R. Center to have weekly food drives. We need your help! If we could get everyone in the congregation to bring one item (or more) every week in March, YOU could make a HUGE difference! Below is a list of "weekly focus" for collecting the non-perishable food items and personal care items. Please bring an item (listed below) each week and place in the grocery cart located in the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner) in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for all your support!

Week 1: Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Tomato Products, & Soups

Week 2: Pasta, Rice, & Beans

Week 3: Baby Items Baby Formula (w/ iron), Baby Food (in jar), Diapers (sizes 3-5), & Wipes

Week 4: Personal Care Items Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, etc

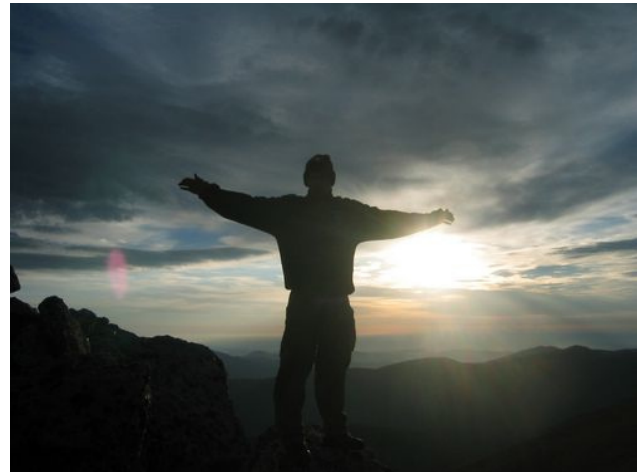
Habitat for Humanity Lunch — Saturday March 31

We need A LOT of help (over 20 volunteers!) to make this project a success. FCLC Outreach will be providing lunch to the workers of Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 31 at 11:15am. Volunteers are needed to pre-make the food (hearty soup, salad, bread, & dessert) as well as serve the meal from 11:15am until 1pm. If you're able to help with this project, please contact Veta Hartman (hartmanv@comcast.net). The current worksite is in Southeast Longmont in the Quail Ridge subdivision, west of HWY 287 (1316 Carriage Drive).

More Outreach News

Double Your Donation Dollars for Sky Ranch

The Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies (aka Sky Ranch) has received a matching grant from a donor in Illinois. This grant will give a dollar for dollar match to any donations (up to \$10k) received in Feb/March 2007. The donations are used for the "Build Up...Send Forth Campaign" to remodel and upgrade the facility. More information can be found at: www.fortnet.org/skyranch/gifts.php. Please be sure to specify that you want your Feb/March offering to be "designated to Sky Ranch".



Mission Trip to Grace Lutheran - March 3-10

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
Establish the work of our hands for us –
Yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Please pray for the following people from our congregation: Pastor Bruce Welander, Gary Yost, Bob Thoman, Matthew Sharp, David Droege, and Duane & Pat Sharp. Keep them safe & help them do the Lord's work as they head to New Orleans on March 3-10. They will be providing assistance and support to Grace Lutheran Church as they continue to recover from the 2004 Hurricane Katrina. This team will also be hand delivering FCLC Special offering from Christmas (\$5041) as well as LOTS of books from "Owen's Walk." Pastor Bruce will be giving the sermon at Grace Lutheran on Sunday, March 4.

For more information on this mission trip, please see the display in the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner of the Narthex) or contact Pat Sharp at 303.776.3715 (or m6sharp@aol.com).

March Wedding Anniversaries

March 4

Michael & LaRae Schaff – 19 yrs

March 7

Federico & Jeanne Ruiz – 20 yrs

March 8

Lyle & Marilyn Luttrell – 42 yrs

March 9

Charles & Kirsten Herring – 16 yrs

March 15

Kevin & Michelle Hansen – 10 yrs

March 18

Peter & Mary Stewart – 1 yr

March 20

Ed & Diane Broestl – 36 yrs

March 23

Joe & Audrey Audley – 22 yrs

March 26

Keith & Hanorah Anderson – 39 yrs

Jay & Merrie Harper – 13 yrs.

Bill & Leslie Raymond – 7 yrs



March Birthdays!



March 1

Scott Bachman
Becker Ell

March 2

Bill Baker
Kirsten Gjælde-
Bennett

Lukas Mason

March 3

Jesse Uecker
Joel Uecker

March 4

Anne Bauder
Matt Enders

March 6

Lukas Sell

March 7

Irving Ringdahl
Benjamin Kleiman

March 8

Victoria Ruiz
Jacob Major
Hayden Ell

March 9

Laurie Mora
Lucas Brockman

March 10

Cindy Palm

March 11

Kathy Praska
Ryan McDermid
Derrick Bleeker
Dylan Schumacher

March 12

Ron Wormke
Megan Bonds

March 13

Grant Mooridian
Paul Lerum

March 14

Alicia Stover
Jay Harper
Chloe Olson

March 16

Chris Goble
Darlene Nivens

March 17

Patrick Cordes
Meghan
Jedrzejewski
Shane Musfeldt

March 18

Craig Schumacher

March 19

Wayne Morrissey
Joel Rothe
Matthew Chowning

March 20

Warner Lien
Jane Jurgensmeyer
Jeff

Riemenschneider

Andrew Schroeder
Kim Cullian
Sarah Lerum
Anna Knipscheer

March 21

Linda Parker
Dana Gjælde
Connor Magyar
Logan Inskeep
Zach Rinard

March 22

Mindy Gratny

March 23

KJ Parker

March 24

Brian Jordan
Linda Lerum
Tami Musfeldt
Cody Howes

March 25

Stephanie Mason
Shannon Vaughn
Lexi Knutson

March 27

Chris Mueller
Kevin Bachman

March 29

Jolene Nicoll

March 30

Jim Conradson
Lisa McMikle
Andrew Alm

March 31

Joshua Cogdill

Web and Email Addresses Change

Dear members of Faith Community Lutheran,

Recently Faith Community Lutheran was able to obtain the www.fclc.org domain name. Seth Goings, Kirk Olson, and I have completed transferring the web site, email addresses, and mailing lists to the new domain.

Therefore, on Thursday morning, February 22, 2007, www.faithcommunitylutheran.org web site was shut down.

Mailing lists and e-mail addresses will be forwarded for a few weeks. You should update your address books to reflect addresses that were once @faithcommunitylutheran.org are now @fclc.org

Individual mailing list subscription passwords from faithcommunitylutheran.org are not being transferred to fclc.org.

So, if you have a favorite password, you will need to go

into the Administration function on each list to make that change. If you belong to several lists, you can go into the Administration of one of the lists and mark "Global" and it will change it to be the same on all the lists you are subscribed.

Also, if you prefer to be on the digest version, you will need to go the Administrative menu to make that change. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at holson@oldspooksandspies.org

Blessings,
Harlan Olson





LIBRARY NOTES: Read Me a Story

THE SEASON OF LENT AND THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER offer especially meaningful times to read the beautifully illustrated and simply told stories of Jesus and his time on earth with children and help them understand the scriptures they are hearing in church and special services. The Arch books with rhyming words and vivid pictures have been popular for over fifty years and are updated frequently to attract today's youngest readers. The Bible story display in the corner of the library holds many Arch books and nearby shelves offer many Easter stories. Browse them with your child and take home a few to read at bedtime. Some of the best illustrators working today are displaying their finest work in children's stories.

Reader Recommendation by Lorna Ott:

Boundaries: When to Say "Yes," When to Say "No" to Take Control of Your Life.

Henry Cloud and John Townsend. [Reading Room 227. Call no: 248.4 CLO Bou]

Thirty years ago while reading a variety of "self help" books, I found some insights and suggestions to be useful, even a blessing. However, a persistent difficulty lead me to bypass that category after a while. I simply did not know how to fit much of the psychological subject matter into my life's framework... (i.e. born and raised LCMS, parochial school grades 1-8, chaplain's daughter, Lutheran university). The struggle with contradictions in both thought and feeling probably added fuel to the flames and many facets of anger and resentment. Years go by ... those problems are buried way back somewhere ... God's love, mercy, and grace endure ... and He begins another good work in me. Here at Faith Community I am welcomed, loved and led into adult Bible studies, worshipful gathering, Stephen Ministry training, Via de Cristo, volunteer service, my own study at home, and many treasured loving relationships, all of which continue to inform and heal my brokenness every day.

Because our Stephen Ministry leaders spoke so highly of it, I picked up "Boundaries" for a look-see when it was on display in the narthex; becoming curious and reading it, I later participated in a small group using it for study material. Moments of insight and revelation are for me often quiet little times, sometimes deep and wide and lasting. But, this book's material had me up and dancing, and so filled with "THANK YOU, GOD," I could hardly sit still long enough to read and experience more of "the aah-haas," the understandings, the joy of being alive to the revealing of the Spirit. God's framework by His design expects and directly teaches the necessity for boundaries, and the requirement to acknowledge, protect and nurture in ourselves and others a life-long responsible acceptance of "me and mine," "you and yours," "his and hers," "ours and theirs." Finally! A way to reconcile what I had believed was contradictory, even divisive material.

Detailed, oh yes! Referenced to the Word, yes, at every point, using various familiar translations of the Bible. Healing and wholeness are best served when head and heart, and body and soul, are addressed and this book really helped. The Holy Spirit turns my reading into blessing, my blessing into sharing, my sharing into healing, my healing into courage, my courage into asking for more of His grace to go where He leads. – Lorna Ott.

[A note to FCLC readers – Share your recommendation of a book from our library ... fiction or non-fiction ... for any age reader. Your comments may be a few brief words or a longer description of your choice, but help others find the books that have given you inspiration and pleasure. See Lois Ward in the library or put a note in box 199.]

BROWSE THE LIBRARY FOR "NEW" BOOKS!



"FCLC's Youth and Household Ministry exists so that young people and those in their households can be encouraged to grow in a vital and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ."

YOUTH AND HOUSEHOLD MINISTRY

March at a Glance:

Event and Time	Date
<i>Lent Worship</i> —7 PM	7, 14, 21, 28
<i>Fire Up Bible Study</i> —7:30 PM	7, 14, 21, 28
<i>Middle School Parent Meeting</i> —8 PM	7
<i>Faith and Football</i> —5:30 PM	10
<i>Youth Leader Meeting</i> —7 PM	13
<i>Workcamp Meeting</i> —12:15 PM	18
<i>Mentor Training</i> —12:30 PM	18

DID YOU KNOW...

- The senior high students painted some cool banners that are now hanging in the youth room. Come check them out!
- The 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes put together over 100 bags of toiletry items and meal bags to be given to the homeless through the OUR Center!
- Martin Luther said, "If you want to change the world, pick up your pen."

FIRE IN THE YOUTH ROOM

"In each of us burns a flame..."

The young people of FCLC certainly have a flame in them – the flame of the Holy Spirit that has called them to service through this summers Workcamp in Roswell, NM.

"...so we gather together in faith and hope..."

These flame-filled young people have been gathering together on Wednesday nights about 7:20 till about 7:50 for fellowship and Fire Up Bible Study.

"...to reach out in love."

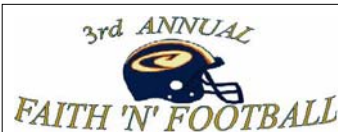
They are getting to know each other better, they are learning how to work together as a team, and reflecting on God's active involvement in their lives. They are taking action to reach out to not only the folks in Roswell, but in our local community as well.

YOU ARE INVITED to join them in this time! Feel free to pop in and join the fun even if you are not going to workcamp! It isn't just the mission of the youth, but the mission of this congregation. You're in!

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS!

If you are the parent of a Middle Schooler, or an adult person who just happens to *like* middle school kids, come join us for an informal discussion about our ministry to, with and for this particular age group. We will talk about why we do ministry with this age group, what it looks like, and put some ideas on the table for things to do. This is also your chance to jump in on the fun (not that we won't hunt you down if you can't make the meeting) and sign up to help with some cool stuff!

DETAILS: Wed, March 7, 8 PM in the Youth Room



A bunch of senior high folks from FCLC will be joining other Rock y Mountain Synod congregations at *Faith and Football* on MARCH 10. This is a special event by the Colorado Crush. The evening begins with a speaker who relates athletics to faith and living. Then, the audience is invited to stay for the game at a discounted rate. If you aren't going this year and want to, let Kris know ASAP to see if there are still tickets available. If not, be sure to sign up next year!

GOT IDEAS??

Hey! Did you know that if you are a middle or high school age student and you have ideas for fun things to do with your friends here at Faith Community—we can make it happen? YES WE CAN! Come on over to FCLC the 2nd Tuesday of the month and meet with the Youth Leader Team to put ideas on the calendar and get stuff going! We need all the input we can get, so make sure to join us on March 13, 7 PM in the Youth Room.

Sign Board More than a Sandwich: Yes indeed, that cool sign board out front is more than just a sandwich board! It is an "ID Tag" that many associate with Faith Community! If you have ideas and want to help get the idea up on the board, join the creative team that takes care of this! See Kristen Baltrum for more details....

Adult Mentor Training

If you are one of our Adult Mentors, don't forget about our next Mentor Only Training meeting on March 18 at 12:30 PM! Contact Terry Schemmel if you have any questions or can't make it.

WORKCAMP MEETING:

Don't forget about our monthly meeting! This month it will be on March 18 at 12:15ish PM. Here how the fundraisers are going and all sorts of other really great important information!

All about Administration

From your Director of Business Administration, Susan Moller

About.....Gifts of Securities

Did you know.....

Faith Community is set up to accept gifts of securities. If you would like to donate through this method or would like to know more about the potential tax advantages of donating securities, you can talk to your financial advisor, or contact me.



by Susan Moller

About.....FCLC's Endowment Fund

In January 2007, The Faith Community Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Board made its first annual distribution of funds from FCLC Endowment Fund.

Below is the listing of these distributions:

• Outreach Trip to Grace Lutheran Church in New Orleans, LA (March 2007)	\$4,000
• Post High Youth Adult Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA (Summer 2007)	\$400/person with a maximum of 15 people
• Timothy Alm	
Templo Antioquia Church in Creel, Chihuahua, Mexico	\$1,000
• New Chapter of Via de Cristo of the Rockies	\$3,000
• Rev. Anthony Mulbah in Gbonyea, Liberia, West Africa	
Providing Education for Rural Liberian Children" project	\$3,100
• Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Scholarships/Support for FCLC children	\$1,200 as needed
TOTAL	\$18,300

An informational note about our Endowment Fund: Our bylaws state that The Board may distribute up to 5 percent of the Fund annually, with these distributions going toward projects that enhance and extend the life of the congregation, which may include support for domestic and foreign missions; scholarships; professional staff for special services; community projects; and building expansion or improvements. Our goal is to continually "grow" the principal which will result in more dollars to distribute annually. If you would like more information about contributing to this Fund, please to contact me or one of the Board members.

Blessings,
Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration

A SAFETY NOTE REMINDER

from Bob Thoman, Director of Property



People who are traveling west have the right-of-way to make a left-hand turn onto Spencer St. If you enter the church driveway from the west, you must yield right-of-way to the people who are making a left-hand turn onto Spencer Street. There is nothing we can do to change this situation until CDOT reconfigures the highway.

Worship Team Corner

Lenten Worship Opportunities!

As Lent is in full swing, remember to lift up a prayer of thanks for all those folks who are working hard using their musical and technical gifts to enhance our worship services! During Lent, there are five times throughout the week when you can come and worship. Isn't that awesome? On Wednesday night you can participate in either our 4:30 pm or 7:00 pm Mid Week Lenten service. We lift up our Holden Evening Prayer liturgy and feature short dramas centered on the theme for that week. We also continue to have Saturday evening worship at 5:30pm, which continues to bring in a good number of folks. Then of course we have our 8:15 and 11am services on Sunday.

A Traditional Hymn Sing will be held

On Sunday March 25th beginning at 6pm in the sanctuary! Come join Miles Olson as he plays the organ and leads us in some of our rich traditional Lutheran Hymns! I bet he will even take requests if you get them to him early! Refreshments will follow. Any questions regarding this please contact either Miles Olson or Diane Sell at the church.

Did you know that Ben Mason is working with one of our youth and teaching him how to play the Bass? We are looking at "beefing" up our youth team Leap of Faith with more instrumentalists. If you are interested in learning to play the guitar, bass or the piano and would like to join LOF in the future, please contact either Diane Sell, Dawn Hajdas or Pastor Dan at the church.



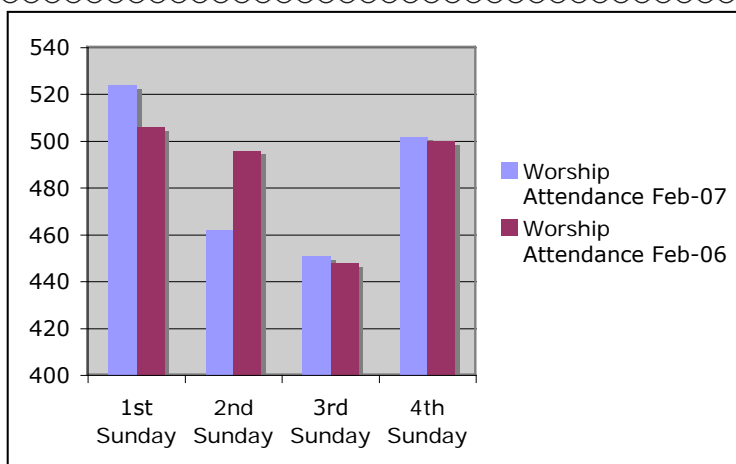
New Music in 2007! You may have noticed in the pew that we are introducing new songs to worship. Steve Mason, Pastor Dan, Diane, Janelle Olson and Wayne Morrissey are coming in with new selections each month! So we are testing these pieces out on you. As always, we welcome your feedback. Our hope is that we do not overwhelm you but that you walk away feeling refreshed with the old and the new! If you end up worshipping elsewhere and come across of piece that touches your heart, feel free to grab the Worship and Music person from that congregation and get a copy of the music and bring it on in to us.

Worship and Music Committee: Are you looking to find a place to participate and share your thought and gifts? Think about joining our Worship and Music Committee. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in Diane and Dawn's office. Miles Olson and Tyger Penson co-chair this committee and welcome your participation! If you're interested, please contact Miles Olson at milescolson@comcast.net

Attendance

Worship Attendance

	Feb-07	Feb-06
1st Sunday	524	506
2nd Sunday	462	496
3rd Sunday	451	448
4th Sunday	502	500



God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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Evangelism Workshop

Reclaiming the B Word

God is Speaking



Kelly Fryer

(M.Div., MTh) is a teacher, author, and motivational speaker with nearly twenty years of experience leading organizations into renewal. Kelly has taught on the faculty of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and is the Executive Director of ARE. She is a member of The National Speaker's Association and The Author's Guild; and serves as an adjunct faculty member teaching leadership and organization in the Nonprofit Management Graduate Program at Spertus College in Chicago, IL.

A call to Biblically Rooted Faith

There is a growing sense among many of us that the time has come for an audacious faith; a faith that springs up from the deep well of our tradition but that also dares to speak into the troubled confusion of our world. For those of us who are heirs of the Reformation led by Martin Luther, that kind of audacity is only possible when we are on firm theological and biblical footing. These interchangeable presentations use video clips and headlines ripped right from today's news to highlight the problem and the danger of fundamentalist biblical interpretations, and boil down a reading of Scripture to three practical and preachable points built on a Doctrine of the Word. Kelly has presented these topics at bishop's conferences in places as different from each other as the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC and the Central States Synod of the ELCA to overwhelmingly enthusiastic audiences.

Kelly Fryer's presentations are powerful and exceedingly helpful for those concerned about spiritual renewal and cultivating a passion for mission in congregations. With a fresh articulation of old principles she challenges people to read the Bible expecting to hear the lively voice of God. She articulates a Lutheran hermeneutic with Christ at the center. In an age of Biblical illiteracy and the misuse of scripture, Kelly Fryer gets people to talk not only about what God was doing in those stories of old but what God is saying to us today.

*Bishop Gerald L. Mansholt
Central States Synod, ELCA*

Boulder Conference

ELCA

Saturday, March 3

8:30 - Noon

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pine & Broadway,
Downtown Boulder



Mission Verse

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recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
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Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended
styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
(to various outreach projects)

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